

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Attorney Ref.: ZP192-05009
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**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2009, in the above-referenced patent Application. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the examination.

In addition, the Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), of \$555.00 is accompanied with this response.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: NONE.

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